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SUMMARY. AT MEETING OCT 17, POSTPONED FROM OCT 11, GERMANY

RESERVED ON DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL ON SURVIVABILITY OF NATO
HQ PENDING CONSIDERATION (SILENCE PROCEDURE) BY FRG NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL. SUBJECT TO LIFTING OF GERMAN RESERVATION,
REPORT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY NAC BEFORE CHRISTMAS WITH STATE-
MENT OF US POSITION APPENDED. NETHERLANDS REP REMPHASIZED
URGENCY AND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACH TO
MAJORITY VIEW (I.E., LIMITED PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT EVERE
PLUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELOCATION OR RECONSTITUTION IN NORTH
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AMERICA). COEC ALSO APPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXERCISE
HILEX-6. END SUMMARY.

1. SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HQ. A. GERMAN REP (PETERS) SAID

THAT THE FRG NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WISHED TO CONSIDER BY SILENCE PROCEDURE THE PROPOSED REPORT TO THE COUNCIL (ANNEX TO ACWEUAD/124), THAT THIS WOULD TAKE ABOUT THREE WEEKS, AND IN MEANTIME GERMANY RESERVED ITS POSITION. COEC AGREED TO POSTPONE CIRCULATING REPORT TO CAPITALS UNTIL GERMAN RESERVATION IS LIFTED. NETHERLANDS REP (HOFFMAN) ASKED THAT REPORT BE PUT ON NAC AGENDA BEFORE CHRISTMAS BECAUSE AMBASSADOR SPIEREBURG WOULD BE REIRING SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND THIS WAS "ONE OF HIS PET PROJECTS". COMMITTEE AGREED.

B. COMMITTEE FURTHER AGREED TO US REQUEST TO HAVE STATEMENT OF US POSITION APPENDED TO REPORT. ACTING CHAIRMAN (VINCENT) SUGGESTED OTHER COUNTRIES COULD DO SAME BUT COMMITTEE TURNED THUMBS DOWN ON THAT SUGGESTION.

C. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, STEWART (UK) SAW US PROBLEM AS ONE OF MONEY AND PRIORITIES, AND SAID ONLY DISAGREEMENT UK HAD WITH US WAS IN US NOT WAITING TO SEE SIZE OF BILL BEFORE DISAPPROVING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT EVERE. IF US CONTINUES TO RESERVE IN COUNCIL, UK SEES THREE CHOICES: THE US SOLUTION, BOTH OPTIONS (WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE SUBMISSION OF PROBLEM TO MINISTERS), OR NO OPTION AT ALL.

D. VINCENT ATTACKED US "MOVE ONLY" CONCEPT AND REFERRED VAGUELY TO "UNFORTUNATE CONCLUSIONS" BEING DRAWN. PROVISION OF LIMITED PROTECTIVE MEASURES AT EVERE WOULD, IN HIS VIEW, CONSTITUTE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE'S CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITY. VINCENT CONCLUDED ACIDLY THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME COEC HAD EVER SUBMITTED A SPLIT REPORT TO COUNCIL. (COMMENT: WE SEE NOTHING SO BAD ABOUT THIS.)

E. HOFFMAN DELIVERED PREPARED STATEMENT (TEXT BELOW) IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED (1) THAT DOCUMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS RESULT OF LONG, LABORIOUS COMPROMISE, (2) THAT NORTH AMERICAN SOLUTION SHOULD BE REGARDED AS LAST RESORT ONLY, (3) THAT EVERE AND NORTH AMERICAN SOLUTIONS WERE COMPLETELY SECRET

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MENTARY, AND (4) THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACHED URGENCY AND HIGH POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE MATTER. TEXT FOLLOWS.

QUOTE:

1. THE PRESENT DRAFT-REPORT IS, IN SOME WAY, THE RESULT OF AN INTERVENTION BY AMBASSADOR SPIERENBURG. INDEED HE HAS BROUGHT THE LACK OF PREPARATION FOR - OR PROVISION OF - SURVIVABLE - PHYSICAL FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

HENCE IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT MY AUTHORITIES PAY A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSALS SET OUT IN D/124.

2. FROM THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN THIS COMMITTEE IT IS, WE

THINK, QUITE CLEAR HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THE URGENCY OF FINDING A SOLUTION. WE REALISE THAT THE PRESENT DOCUMENT IS - IN EFFECT - THE RESULT OF LABOURIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND COMPROMISES. ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND THEIR PRO'S AND CON'S EXPLAINED. AT THIS STAGE WE WISH, THEREFORE, TO LIMIT OURSELVES TO EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK DONE BY THE DIRECTORATE.

3. IN CONCLUSION WE WISH TO SUMMARIZE OUR POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE CONTINUITY OF THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL/DPC, ITS APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND WAYS AND MEANS SHOULD BE FOUND TO ENSURE THAT CONTINUITY;

(B) FROM BOTH POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL VIEWPOINTS THE COUNCIL/DPC, ITS APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE SHOULD REMAIN ON THE MAINLAND OF EUROPE AS LONG AS CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PERMIT; IN OUR VIEW IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS, AS DESCRIBED ISLCM(72)46, SHOULD BE DISCHARGED BY THESE BODIES IN THEIR NORMAL COMPOSITION UP TO THE LATEST POSSIBLE MOMENT;

(C) PROVISION OF PROTECTED WORKING SPACE FOR PERSONNEL AND COMMUNICATIONS AT EVERY TO THE LEVEL INDICATED IN ZME DOCUMENT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY - AND IN THE MOST ECONOMIC WAY - ENHANCE THE PROTECTION AFFORDED IN A DEVELOPING SITUATION; A POSSIBLE "DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING" IN CONJUNCTION WITH NICSMA REMAINS OUR PREFERRED SOLUTION.

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(D) A SOLUTION AS AGREED BY THE MAJORITY IN POLADS IN A NORTH-AMERICAN ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE ADOPTED ONLY AS A LAST RESORT;

(E) THE EVERY AND NORTH AMERICAN SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS COMPLEMENTARY OPTIONS ON WHICH DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL AND WITHOUT DELAY;

(F) FOR REASONS OF BOTH HIGH POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HIGHEST ELEMENTS WITHIN NATO THE SUGGESTIONS SET OUT AT ANNEX TO DS/137 CANNOT BE SUPPORTED. WE CANNOT HELP FROM FEELING THAT IN PARTICULAR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISADVANTAGES OF THESE SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERESTIMATED.
END QUOTE

2. GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF EXERCISE HILEX-6.
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